

of 1999; S. 977, the Miwaleta Park Expansion Act; and S. 1088, the Arizona National Forest Improvement Act of 1999.

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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public the addition of two bills to the hearing which has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 1999 at 2:15 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC, before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management.

The bills are H.R. 15, The Otay Mountain Wilderness Act of 1999, and S. 848, Otay Mountain Wilderness Act of 1999.

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AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO  
MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 16, for purposes of conducting a Full Committee business meeting which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this business meeting is to consider pending calendar business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be permitted to meet Wednesday, June 16, 1999 beginning at 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in room SD-215, to conduct a markup.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 16, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 16, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. to mark up the following: S. 28, the Four Corners Interpretive Act, S. 400, to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Deter-

mination Act (NAHASDA); S. 401, Business Development and Trade Promotion for Native Americans, S. 613, to encourage Indian Economic Development, S. 614, Indian Regulatory Reform and Business Development Act, and S. 944, Oklahoma Mineral Leasing. The Committee will meet in Room 485, Russell Senate Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet for a hearing re Judicial Nominations, during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 16, 1999, at 3 p.m. in SD226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to conduct a hearing of the Joint Economic Committee in Hart 216 beginning at 9:35 on June 16.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 16, 1999 at 2 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TAIWANESE AID TO KOSOVO

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, last week, President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan announced that Taiwan would be giving \$300 million in an aid package to the Kosovars. I want to rise today and pay tribute and thank the Government of the Republic of China on Taiwan for this very generous gift of economic assistance. This aid includes emergency support for food, shelters, and medical care which is so desperately needed to return a sense of normalcy to the Albanian Kosovars. Also included in the aid package is funds for job-training and rehabilitation programs to help promote the reconstruction of Kosovo in the long run.

This is just another remarkable example of the thoughtfulness and generosity of the people in Taiwan and should serve as a model for the entire international community. I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deep appreciation to President Lee and the people of Taiwan for this compassionate offer. Hopefully, this act will encourage other nations to aid in rebuilding the Balkans so that the people there can move past the horrible atrocities that have been committed over the past few months and begin rebuilding their lives and families in peace. •

TRIBUTE TO CLARENCE LIEN,  
PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT

• Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Clarence Lien of Forest Lake, Minnesota. On June 7, 1999, I had the great honor of presenting a belated Purple heart to Clarence. He is most deserving of this long overdue recognition. I take this opportunity to congratulate Clarence and thank him for his service and sacrifice.

Mr. President, I ask to have printed in the RECORD remarks by Clarence Lien made at his award presentation.

The remarks follow:

REMARKS BY CLARENCE LIEN

I am a bit overwhelmed. I honestly didn't think this would ever happen, but I'm glad it did. And I'm really amazed that all of you would take time to come here today to be part of this. I feel lucky, I feel honored.

And you know that I'm not a speech maker, or a big talker for that matter. But there is one thing that I would talk about, and that one thing is "freedom".

Next to family, freedom is the most precious thing that you have. When I was in Stalag 17, I had a lot of time to think. And when you are in a situation where everything is taken away from you, you quickly realize where your priorities are. I can tell you, as if it was yesterday, that the things that I missed the most were my family and my freedom.

Freedom is a word we all know and to many of us, take for granted. But, boy, if you don't have it for a year or so, you realize what a gift it is. Imagine, if you can, being told when or if you can eat, and what you can eat. Imagine someone else dictating when you can speak, and what you can say. Try to visualize being afraid for your life every waking moment.

Freedom gives you the ability to make decisions, right and wrong ones. When you have that taken away, it makes you feel like an animal, a caged animal at that.

Freedom to me is a treasure.

There is something odd to me about the word "free". In every day living, we think free means "At no cost." But that is so far from the truth. There is a huge cost associated with being free. And we should never forget that.

I will always remember a certain moment back in 1945. I was being shipped home after the war ended, and we entered New York harbor. In the distance I could see the Statue of Liberty. I tell you, I was so happy and so thankful to be coming home, and Lady Liberty was the symbol that I had arrived. And that I was once again free.

Yep, Stalag 17 taught me a lot about freedom.

So I'd like to challenge you today to appreciate every decision you are allowed to make—even the hard ones. And to appreciate the veterans of today and tomorrow for protecting the freedom we all enjoy. And to never forget that this country we live in is truly "the land of the free." Thank you. •

TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY COCHRAN

• Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to recognize Ms. Shirley Cochran, a person who has made a significant contribution to the education of our children.

Ms. Cochran's outstanding efforts during her 28 years as a special educator have helped countless individuals live productive, successful lives. In her